

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on February 15, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 363, 2/13/2017; SB 93, 2/13/2017

00:01:52 Chair Zolnikov relinquishes the chair to Rep. Hertz

HEARING ON HB 363

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:45 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 363, Establish renewable energy permitting, decommissioning program.

00:04:16 Rep. Rosendale joins the meeting
Rep. Olsen joins the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:30 Todd O'Hair, Cloud Peak Energy

Opponents' Testimony:

00:09:04 Jeff Fox, Renewable North West
00:13:08 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:17:15 Richard Parks, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
00:18:58 Rep. C. Knudsen joins the meeting
00:20:44 Michael Uda, Montana Sun
00:28:08 Rep. Custer joins the meeting
00:30:33 Wade Sikorski, Self
00:32:01 Levi Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
00:33:05 Neal Ulman, Montana Conservation Voters

Informational Testimony:

00:36:04 Chris Dorrington, Department Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:32 Vice Chair Hayman
00:37:15 Chris Dorrington
00:37:57 Vice Chair Hayman
00:38:14 Bonnie Rouse, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
00:38:54 Vice Chair Hayman
00:39:00 Bonnie Rouse, DEQ
00:39:20 Rep. Bishop
00:39:41 Rep. Lenz
00:40:16 Rep. Bishop
00:40:31 Rep. Lenz
00:41:15 Rep. Bishop
00:41:37 Rep. Lenz
00:41:50 Rep. Bishop
00:42:14 Rep. Lenz
00:42:38 Rep. McConnell
00:43:36 Neal Ulman, Montana Conservation Voters
00:45:34 Rep. McConnell
00:45:59 Anne Hedges, MEIC
00:47:39 Rep. C. Knudsen
00:48:02 Wade Sikorski, Self
00:48:28 Rep. C. Knudsen

00:49:10 Wade Sikorski, Self
 00:49:45 Rep. Olsen
 00:50:28 Rep. Lenz
 00:50:44 Rep. Olsen
 00:51:03 Rep. Lenz
 00:51:11 Rep. Olsen
 00:51:47 Anne Hedges, MEIC
 00:52:51 Rep. Olsen
 00:53:11 Rep. O'Hara
 00:53:43 Michael Uda, Montana Sun
 00:54:24 Rep. O'Hara
 00:54:40 Rep. Redfield
 00:54:55 Jeff Fox, Renewable North West
 00:56:03 Rep. Redfield
 00:56:56 Jeff Fox, Renewable North West
 00:57:29 Vice Chair Hayman
 00:58:20 Michael Uda, Montana Sun
 01:00:38 Vice Chair Hayman
 01:00:52 Michael Uda, Montana Sun
 01:02:19 Vice Chair Skees
 01:03:20 Michael Uda, Montana Sun
 01:03:41 Vice Chair Skees
 01:04:08 Michael Uda, Montana Sun
 01:06:52 Vice Chair Skees
 01:07:22 Todd O'Hair, Cloud Peak Energy
 01:08:19 Chair A. Hertz
 01:08:49 Michael Uda, Montana Sun
 01:08:53 Chair A. Hertz
 01:09:05 Michael Uda, Montana Sun
 01:09:33 Chair A. Hertz
 01:09:45 Michael Uda, Montana Sun
 01:10:28 Rep. Rosendale
 01:10:40 Michael Uda, Montana Sun

Closing by Sponsor:

01:11:47 Rep. Lenz

01:17:07 Chair A. Hertz relinquishes the Chair to Rep. Bishop

HEARING ON SB 93

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:18:54 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 93, Provide notification at certain dwellings for oil and gas operations.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:22:22 Allen Olsen, Montana Petroleum Association

[EXHIBIT\(feh33a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh33a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:30:45 Becky Mitchell, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh33a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh33a04\)](#)

01:40:23 Susan Beug, Self

01:43:49 Wade Sikorski, Self

01:46:35 Becky Grey, Self

01:48:22 Carroll Hash, Self

01:50:18 Adam Haight, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:25 Rep. C. Knudsen

01:52:24 Adam Haight, NPRC

01:52:55 Rep. Olsen

01:55:48 Sen. Richmond

01:56:33 Rep. Olsen

01:56:56 Sen. Richmond

01:59:41 Rep. Olsen

02:00:04 Sen. Richmond

02:01:12 Rep. Skees

02:01:52 Adam Haight, NPRC

02:02:01 Rep. Hayman

02:03:05 Adam Haight, NPRC

02:03:16 Vice Chair Hayman

02:03:27 Adam Haight, NPRC

02:04:06 Rep. Custer

02:04:35 Allen Olsen, Montana Petroleum Association

02:05:01 Sen. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:26 Sen Richmond

02:08:59 Rep. Zolnikov resumes Chair

02:09:27 Chair Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:11:15

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh33aad.pdf](#))